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DRAFT DECISION

United Nations Population Fund

A

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, reaffirmed by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1986/7 of 21 May 1986, and taking into account the views expressed by delegations at the thirty-eighth session (1991) of the Governing Council during consideration of matters concerning the United Nations Population Fund,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 45/216 of 21 December 1990 on population and development,

Emphasizing the sovereignty of nations in the formulation, adoption and implementation of their population policies, consistent with basic human rights and responsibilities of individuals, couples and families,

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Fund in 1990 (DP/1991/28, parts I, II and III), including the special section on the implementation of modified criteria in designating priority countries;

2. Encourages all countries to initiate, increase or resume, as appropriate, contributions in 1991 and future years and to make their payments as early as possible in the year for which the pledge is made;

3. Expresses concern over the relatively modest increase in voluntary contributions to the United Nations Population Fund in 1991, especially in view of projected annual resource increments needed to reach the target of allocations to population activities from all sources of $9 billion per year by the year 2000, endorsed by the Governing Council in decision 90/35 of 20 June 1990 and by the General Assembly in resolution 45/216;

4. Notes with appreciation the resolve of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development to devise means to enhance its members' support of interrelated population and environmental objectives and to work together to increase resources to support programmes aimed at achieving these objectives, recognizing, however, that developing countries themselves must lead the way in such endeavours;

5. Notes with satisfaction the report on the implementation of the strategy for the United Nations Fund for Population Activities assistance to sub-Saharan Africa (DP/1991/33), encourages the Fund to continue to direct its assistance to the priority areas of the strategy, and requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) on the continued implementation of the strategy;

6. Also notes with satisfaction the status report on the implementation strategy to strengthen the capacity of the Fund to deal with issues concerning women, population and development (DP/1991/32); welcomes the increasing proportion of women on the UNFPA staff; approves the extension of the strategy for another four years (1991-1994), addressing in particular the priority areas outlined in the concluding section of the report; and requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) on the status of the implementation of the strategy;

7. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on contraceptive requirements and demand for contraceptive commodities in developing countries in the 1990s; endorses the need to develop and refine country-specific estimates for contraceptive needs in developing countries that would include estimates for the cost of logistical requirements and to improve the transport, storage, distribution and management of contraceptive provision; also endorses the expansion of contraceptive procurement facilities through the United Nations Population Fund, working in cooperation with other interested parties adequately to meet developing country contraceptive needs; and authorizes the Executive Director to continue working with a consultative group of interested parties that would review estimates of short-term and long-term contraceptive requirements, improve procurement arrangements, increase resources for contraceptive provision and achieve operational coordination and cooperation in meeting contraceptive needs;

8. Takes note of the preparatory process for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, which includes, inter alia, regional meetings and conferences, to be convened by the respective United Nations

regional commissions, and six expert group meetings corresponding to the main issues requiring special attention; encourages countries that are able to do so to make voluntary contributions towards the costs of the Conference and its preparatory process; and requests the Executive Director to inform the Council regularly on the preparations for the Conference, including the status of financial arrangements;

9. Notes with satisfaction the Fund's 1991 State of World Population report entitled "Choice or Chance?"; reaffirms that free choice in the matter of family size is a fundamental human right for both women and men; endorses the view that family planning contributes to the health and security of women, children, the family, the community and the nation; recognizes that voluntary use of modern family planning methods contributes to achieving a balance between population, resources, the environment and development which is necessary for sustainable development; calls upon the Fund to redouble its efforts both to deliver family planning services to all who need them and to reinforce information and education programmes in support of family planning; and further calls upon the Fund to continue to increase awareness through its public information activities in both developed and developing countries on issues relating to population and development;

10. Takes note with appreciation the activities undertaken by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to promote awareness of the linkages among population, the environment and development and encourages the Executive Director to work in close cooperation with the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 and other concerned bodies to ensure that population is given due importance in the substantive agenda of the Conference;

11. Requests the Executive Director, in view of the emphasis in General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989, on, inter alia, the need to ensure maximum utilization of national execution of projects, to report to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) on the Fund's relevant guidelines on national execution and related matters;

12. Stresses the importance of enhancing coordination of population activities at the national level, under the overall guidance of national authorities, as well as the efforts of the United Nations Population Fund to strengthen national capacity in this regard; welcomes the concrete progress that has been made in collaborative efforts of the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund; looks forward to the joint report on collaborative programme activities of the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund, which is to be submitted to the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992); and requests the Executive Director to submit to the Council at its fortieth session (1993) a similar report on collaborative programme activities with the World Bank and regional development banks.

B

The Governing Council,

Having considered the work plan for 1992-1995 and request for approval authority (DP/1991/30) and the report on the status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved United Nations Population Fund programmes and projects (DP/1991/31),

1. Endorses the Executive Director's programme resource planning proposals set out in paragraphs 12 to 34 of the report with the proviso that the level of the operational reserve shall be modified (from 25 per cent of expected voluntary contributions to 20 per cent) as noted in paragraph ___ of decision 91/____;

2. Reiterates the need, as emphasized in Governing Council decision 90/35 B of 20 June 1990, for future allocations of resources to meet the target of an 80 per cent allocation of country programme resources to priority countries and, taking into account the specific needs and priorities of individual countries, to reflect sufficiently the priority given to the substantive area of family planning, as set out in Governing Council decision 81/7 of 23 June 1981;

3. Approves the request for the new programme expenditure level in the amount of $201.3 million for 1992;

4. Endorses the use of the following estimates for new programmable resources for the period 1993-1995: $225.7 million for 1993, $255.6 million for 1994 and $281.9 million for 1995.

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DRAFT DECISION

United Nations Development Fund for Women

The Governing Council,

Recalling the mandate of the United Nations Development Fund for Women as set out in the annex to General Assembly resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984,

Recognizing the contributions made by the United Nations Development Fund for Women to placing women on mainstream development agenda and to fostering innovative and catalytic activities directly benefiting women in their economic role,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (DP/1991/46) and in particular the presentation of the long- and short-term priorities of the Fund;

2. Also takes note of the continuing policy advice given to the Administrator by the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women;

3. Encourages the United Nations Development Fund to continue its broad range of linkages with the development agencies of the United Nations system, national governments, financial institutions, women's groups, non-governmental organizations and women in academia, business and public life;

4. Further encourages the increasing support by national committees to the fund-raising and advocacy work of the United Nations Development Fund for Women;

5. Stresses that the United Nations Development Fund for Women should strengthen its capacity to monitor and document its experiences and disseminate its findings;

6. Commends the United Nations Development Fund for the remarkable increase in programme delivery resulting from improved programme management systems;

7. Expresses its appreciation to Governments, non-governmental organizations and individuals for their growing financial support to enable the United Nations Development Fund for Women to strengthen its flexibility and its capacity to reach out to women in developing countries;

8. Invites all donors to increase their contributions to the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

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DRAFT DECISION

Refugees, displaced persons and returnees

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the continued increase in emergencies, in particular those involving refugees, returnees and displaced persons, and their impact on the development prospects of the already fragile infrastructures of the countries concerned,

Stressing that the economic and social problems posed by emergencies and displaced populations are multisectoral and multifaceted in nature and that durable solutions can be achieved mainly through a development-based approach,

Reiterating its conviction that a system-wide approach to emergency preparedness and response is indispensable,

Recognizing the established mandates and operational responsibilities of the various agencies and programmes of the United Nations system,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/136 of 15 December 1989, which assigned specific roles and responsibilities in emergency situations to the United Nations resident coordinators,

Further recalling General Assembly resolution 36/225, of 17 December 1981, which called upon organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to establish units or focal points for emergency activities,

Recalling also that Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/78 of 27 July 1990 requested the Secretary-General to initiate a United Nations

system-wide review which, inter alia, would assess the experience and capacity of various organizations in assisting all categories of refugees, displaced persons and returnees and the whole spectrum of their needs in supporting the efforts of the affected countries to address them,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on refugees, returnees and displaced persons (DP/1991/20), of the ongoing and completed activities reported on therein, and the various measures it proposes to strengthen the response of the United Nations Development Programme to future humanitarian challenges;

2. Endorses the work programme for 1992 proposed in document DP/1991/20;

3. Takes note of the efforts made by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to implement the tasks of the two organizations in a complementary manner and welcomes the working arrangements reflected in their joint letter of 1 November 1990 to all resident representatives and representatives of the High Commissioner;

4. Encourages the United Nations Development Programme to continue its close cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator and other relevant United Nations organizations dealing with both man-made and natural disasters as well as with non-governmental organizations;

5. Encourages the United Nations Development Programme to continue to play an active role in assisting concerned Governments to assess the impact and respond to the needs of refugees, displaced persons and returnees in their development plans and programmes and to continue to seek co-financing from other resources;

6. Further encourages the United Nations Development Programme to play an active role in assisting concerned Governments with natural disaster preparedness and reduction, in consonance with the aims and objectives of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction;

7. Commends the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator and the United Nations Development Programme for the progress achieved in their collaborative efforts, including the Disaster Management Training Programme and the preparation of a disaster manual;

8. Recognizes the need to provide stronger professional backstopping to field offices so that the challenges of a greatly increased number of emergencies leading to uprootedness can be more effectively met;

9. Authorizes the Administrator to establish immediately a Humanitarian Programmes Support Unit for a period of one year pending a decision by the Economic and Social Council on the outcome of the review called for in its resolution 1990/78;

10. Further authorizes the Administrator to fund from [the Special Programme Resources] the operations of the Humanitarian Programmes Support Unit in an amount not to exceed $1.2 million;

11. Calls upon the United Nations Development Programme to report to the Governing Council on all items contained in this decision at its thirty-ninth session (1992).

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DRAFT DECISION PRESENTED BY DENMARK

United Nations technical cooperation activities

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 90/37 of 20 June 1990, in which, inter alia, it requested the Administrator to report on the results of the efforts of the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development to establish a more effective division of labour and a more complementary relationship, and to devise ways and means of eliminating duplicative administrative support activities and strengthening technical support activities,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical cooperation activities (DP/1991/41 and Add.1-3) and the report of the Administrator on cooperation between the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development (DP/1991/42) and the views expressed during the debate thereon,

1. Notes that the efforts of intensifying the cooperation between the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and the United Nations Development Programme have been limited and have been on an ad hoc basis;

2. Reiterates the importance of closer collaboration between the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and the United Nations Development Programme in the provision of technical and management services as well as non-project types of activities in internal areas where the Department has already developed the necessary technical expertise, capacity and experience;

3. Emphasizes that intensified cooperation should take account of the comparative advantages of the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and the United Nations Development Programme to maintain their ability to respond effectively to the needs of developing countries;

4. Requests the Administrator, in close collaboration with the Secretary-General, to initiate a detailed study by an external consultant on all options of closer cooperation between the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and the United Nations Development Programme, including a merger of the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and the Office for Project Services, taking into account their respective capabilities and comparative advantages in the field of technical cooperation activities, and to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992) on the results thereof.